GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PUNAD IRRIGATION PROJECT OF MAHARASHTRA
HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is inordinate delay in providing financial assistance to Maharashtra Govt. for Punad Irrigation Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by when the assistance would be released to the State Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) is provided for such major/medium irrigation projects, which have been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission and are in an advanced stage of completion. As the Punad Irrigation Project has not received investment clearance from the Planning Commission, it does not fulfil the norms of AIBP.